

*Homegoing Celebration for
Bishop Artie Poe, Sr.*



*Saturday, March 23, 2002
1:00 P. M.*

House of Prayer COGIC

8401 S. Avalon Blvd.

Los Angeles, California 90003

Officiant: Elder Wright

Order of Homegoing

<i>Master of Ceremony</i>	<i>Isaac Marshall</i>
<i>Processional</i>	<i>Pastors and Elders</i>
<i>Congregational Song</i>	<i>"When We All Get To Heaven"</i>
<i>Prayer</i>	<i>Elder Dobbins</i>
<i>Scripture</i>	
<i>Old Testament Psalm 23</i>	<i>Elder Marshall, Sr.</i>
<i>New Testament 1Corinthians 15:51-58</i>	<i>Elder E. Windham</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>"To God Be The Glory"</i> <i>Christopher Haynes</i>
<i>Acknowledgments, Cards & Resolution</i>	<i>Sis. Dobbins</i>
<i>Song</i>	<i>"Packing Up"</i> <i>The Haynes Family</i>
<i>Special Remarks</i>	<i>Elder Moffett</i>
<i>Remarks</i>	<i>2 minutes please</i>
<i>Obituary</i>	<i>Read Silently</i>
<i>Solo</i>	<i>"Walk Around Heaven"</i> <i>Cynthia Mann</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Elder Wright</i>
	<i>Recessional</i>
	<i>Interment</i>
	<i>Inglewood Park Cemetery</i>
	<i>Inglewood, CA</i>
	<i>Adams Funeral Home</i>
	<i>501 East Palmer Avenue, Compton, CA</i>
	<i>"Drive Thru Viewing Available"</i>
	<i>Directors in charge</i>

Biographical Sketch

Bishop A. M. Poe, Sr. was born in Lamar, County, Alabama to the late Mr. Hosea Monroe Poe and Mrs. Arise May Freeman Poe.

He began his fellowship with Christ at an early age by uniting with the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Kennedy, Alabama.

After fulfilling his military requirements for the U. S. Navy, he came to Union Springs, Alabama where he completed his High School Education. It was here that he met his wife, Rutha Robinson.

Upon moving to Birmingham, Alabama, he united with the Macedonia Baptist Church. He realized that he had a special calling on his life, so he was admonished by Sis. Lucy Haynes to attend her church: Smithfield Church of God in Christ, where Bishop Chester Ashworth was pastor. He united with Smithfield. Bishop Ashworth and the saints began teaching him how to live a life of total dedication to the will of God.

After tarrying for several weeks, sometimes all night long, he became willing to "give up" the vices that were preventing his receiving the Holy Ghost. He had lots of friends that decided "If this man can change, I want to change also." Many of his friends and acquaintances came to Christ.

Bishop Ashworth assigned him Youth Pastor at Smithfield where he conducted a broadcast every Saturday night. This broadcast influenced many people both young and old to give up their lives of sin and dedicate themselves to Christ.

During the convocation, the Twin Preachers submitted Min. Poe's name to Bishop Ashworth for christening as pastor of a church in Fayette, Alabama. Bishop Ashworth honored their request and Min. Poe became pastor of the church in Fayette, AL.

The Lord continued to bless him and he began a very successful broadcast in Fayette, Alabama. The people loved him dearly. This broadcast was a great success in inspiring and reaching many people in radioland.

As the time progressed, there was availability in Russellville, Alabama. Again Elder Poe was recommended to the Bishop to pastor the church in Russellville. Bishop Ashworth was impressed with the job that the Lord was blessing Elder Poe to do in Fayette and christened him again as pastor of the Russellville church.

These were some of the most dedicated and blessed people that Elder Poe had ever met. Along with his church work, Elder Poe had an eight hour job at Acipco Pipe Shop in Birmingham. He developed a painful sinus problem which led to his decision to relocate to Los Angeles, California. After returning home (Birmingham, Alabama), he decided to return to Los Angeles to live. One of the hardest things that he ever did was to leave these great people of God in Alabama.

He worshipped with Elder Sanders and Elder James Davis in San Pedro and Bishop Steward in Los Angeles. As he sat many days at Mount Olive, in a church that was well organized and ministers waiting for an opportunity to preach, the Lord spoke to him: "Get ye out to a place where I will show you." He went to Sandison Street in Wilmington where he began again to exercise the gifts that God had given him.

As time passed and the church grew, the Lord gave him a larger and nicer church on Mauretania in Wilmington: House of Prayer #1; House of Prayer #2 in Los Angeles on Hoover; and eventually House of Prayer on 8401 S. Avalon in Los Angeles.

Along with his pastoring, he was faithful to the local and international organization of the Churches of God in Christ. He was Executive Secretary under Bishop Blake and worked in the National Secretaries Office in Memphis.

Bishop Poe was turned on to learning and realized that success in his ministry would be determined by his ability to communicate with people in all walks of life. He enrolled in school.

- He obtained a Bachelor of Arts Equivalency Evaluation at Pacific College;
- Earned a Masters of Arts degree in Counseling and Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary;
- Has more than thirty years as Pastor-Counselor (Church of God in Christ)
- Holds a lifetime Teaching Credential (California State Board of Education);
- Taught Public School six+ years (Los Angeles Unified School District);
- University Instructor - four years (University of LaVerne);
- Bible College Teacher - four years (C.H. Mason Bible College);
- Substance Abuse Counselor - two years (Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital)

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- Completed his Doctrinal work at the International Bible Institute and Seminary; and
- Employed as Core Faculty for the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities.

As the Lord continued to bless him and give him favor with numerous people, he began a fellowship which included approximately twenty-five pastors. The late Bishop James Benefield and Bishop George Brown were his right arms and the late Mother Helen Sprewell, his leading lady.

Bishop Poe touched the lives of many people and ran hard, loving every minute, until his health began to fail. He assigned two of the Elders that were presently working with him: Elder E. Windham and Elder R. Dobbins as co-pastor to carry on his work.

He spent two years in Sunnyside Nursing home, after which he wanted to come home and expressed this desire to his wife. She brought him home and there he remained until such time when the Lord called him to his eternal home.

Truly Heaven Has Gained One Of God's Finest Leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Rutha Poe; one daughter, Artece May of Hawthorne, CA; one son, Artie Poe, Jr. of Midwest City, OK; sister, Joan Blake of Los Angeles, CA; brother, Lolenzo Poe of Las Vegas, NV; three brothers, James Joe and Edwin preceded him in death; six sisters-in-law, Ina Poe of Portland, OR, Laura Poe, Las Vegas, NV Mildred Poe, Birmingham, AL, Nellie McSwain, Tacoma, WA, Lucy Haynes, Compton, CA and Annie Royal, Milwaukee, WI; one sister-in-law, Louise Poe whom preceded him in death; one brother-in-law, Joe Haynes, Compton, CA; two brothers-in-law that preceded him in death, Matthew McSwain and Arlington Lacey; one grandson, Orlando May, Colorado; one granddaughter-in-law, Denise May of Colorado; four great grandchildren a host of relatives, friends and the House of Prayer COGIC Family. He will be missed.



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Get Busy Brother While You Pray

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He prayed and he prayed 'til past midday Yet none in need had come his way. So he cried even louder and smote his chest For one in need that he could bless.

But the day soon faded into night Yet none in need had come in sight. So he decided he would go out into the street And bless the first person that he'd meet And behold at his doorstep a man lay crying, battered and bruised, and very near dying. He picked the man up and took him inside. A sorrowful heart he could not hide.

He bound the man's wounds and eased his pain And made him ready to go again. But before the Stranger went on his way He paused just long enough to say:

"I heard you praying all the day For one in need to come your way And though I heard each word you cried, I hadn't the strength to come inside.
So if you would Do good each day--

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